

REMARKS

The interview with examiner Gray on February 18, 2005 is acknowledged with appreciation. It was agreed that the prior art of record does not teach or suggest the subject matter of amended claims 1-24. New claim 25 is submitted herewith and is allowable on at least this same basis. Previously allowed claims 14-16 and 18 have been placed in independent form.

Claims 1 and 13 are amended to recite passing a stream of uncured fiberglass insulation through a cutter to cut the uncured fiberglass insulation and to recite additional steps to produce a frangible cured fiberglass insulation batt. The prior art to Fay (U.S. Patent No. 6,484,463) states that "[t]he fibers of the resilient pre-cut fibrous insulation batt 20 may be bonded together for increased batt integrity, e.g. by a binder at their points of intersection" (col. 3, lines 28-31). Cutting is described subsequently and Suwa does not teach or suggest passing a stream of uncured fiberglass insulation through a cutter as recited in applicant's claims 1 and 13.

Claims 23-25 similarly recite steps of providing uncured fiberglass insulation dispensing a binder and heating. The prior art does not teach or suggest these steps.

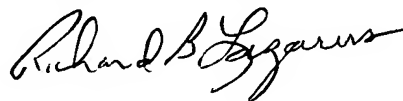
In view of the above, it is submitted that all of the claims (Nos. 1-25) are in condition for allowance and such action is, respectfully, requested.

If there is any issue remaining to be resolved, the examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned so that resolution can be promptly effected.

It is requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response with the fee for such extensions and shortages in other fees, being charged, or any overpayment in fees being credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 (20121-72277).

Respectfully submitted,

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